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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is
— a small entity. A verified statement:
— is attached.
— was already filed.
✓ other than a small entity.

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3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 390.00	\$ 195.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 890.00	\$ 445.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 695.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____.

OR

- (b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.



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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	OR	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL		MINUS	*20	=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$-0-	
INDEP.		MINUS	**3	=	x \$40 = \$		x \$80 = \$-0-	
<u> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM</u>						+ \$135 = \$		+ \$270 = \$-0-
						TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$-0-

- (c) No additional fee for Claims is required.

OR

- (d) Total additional fee for claims required \$

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____

- Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$_____
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FEE DEFICIENCY

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

- If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

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Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of the following amendment submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2003, and made final.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (twice amended) A method for managing inspection requirements using a network-based system including a server system coupled to a centralized database and at least one client system, said method comprising:

receiving information relating to components in a plant;

storing the information into the centralized database;

cross-referencing the information received;

updating the centralized database based on the information received;

modifying inspection requirements based on inspection result information;

determining next required inspection of each plant component;

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